GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1066
ANSWERED ON:14.07.2004
DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL INDUSTRIES IN NORTH EASTERN REGION
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether rural clusters have been identified for developing rural industries in Assam and other North Eastern States under the National Programme on rural industrialisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise in the region; and

(c) the present status of the projects under the Programme and the amount spent by the Government for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a) : Yes Sir.

(b) to (c): Under the National Programme on Rural Industrialisation, 10 rural industrial clusters have been identified for development in North Eastern States. The present status of each of these clusters, location-wise, is indicated in Annexure-I.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE-I AS REFERRED TO REPLY OF LOK SABHA UNST ARRED QUESTION NO. 1066 RAISED BY SHRI KIRIP CHALIHA, M.P. FOR ANSWERING ON 14.07.2004.

Sl. No.	Name of the Cluster and Location	Funds Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)	Activities Undertaken
1.	Muga Silk Cluster by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) in Dhemaji District of Assam	4.33	- Construction of Cocoon Bank Building - Purchase of Spinning and reeling machine - 240 person in rearing and plantation trained - 12 bigha hind acquired for Som plantation and the Block Development Office has also allotted 22 bighas for Som plantation
2.	Brass Metal Craft cluster in J orhat, Assam by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)	0.80	- diagnostic study conducted - Cluster Development Committee constituted - skill Upgradation Training of artisans conducted - 32 units have been developed - Training programme completed for formation of Co-operative Societies and Self Help Groups
3.	Cane and bamboo Craft Cluster, - Nagaon, Assam by NABARD	-	- Awareness meet and Orientation Programme for artisans conducted
4.	Wood Craft Cluster in Deizhephe Village, Dimapur, Nagaland by NABARD	0.70	- Funds sanctioned for awareness tour of 25 artisans and 2 officials of NagaI and Handloom and Handicraft Corporation Ltd. to Ghaziabad and Saharanpur (U.P.) organized
5.	Tera Cotta Cluster of Dhubri Dist.,Assam by the Directorate of Industries, Govt. of Assam	0.25	- Diagnostic study being conducted

6. Sitalpatti cluster of Karimganj Distt.,Assam by Directorate of Industries, Govt. of Assam	0.25	- Diagnostic study being conducted
7 Handmade paper cluster of Tawang Distt., Arunachal Pradesh by Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC)	9.20	- Demonstration and training in Handmad paper for upgrading traditional process of handmade paper making
8. Handmade paper cluster of J orhat, Assam by KVIC	20.00	- Installation of Handmade paper and demonstration & training unit using local material.
9. Forest based industries cluster in Silchar, Assam	2.54	- Improving the quality of various cane & bamboo activities
10. Pottery cluster of Jorhat, Assam by KVIC	11.68	- Providing Ball bearing wheels, kilns to potters in Majauli Island.